GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE FOR OIL PALM CULTIVATION
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided any financial assistance to the Oil Palm India Ltd. in Kerala to expand oil palm cultivation in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said organisation has submitted any proposal to seek financial assistance from the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Government of India has released following funds to Oil Palm India Ltd. (OPIL) for implementing Oil Palm Development Programme under Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) in the State of Kerala.

(Rs. in Lakh)

State	2008-09	2009-10
Kerala	60.00	35.19

(c) & (d): The Government of Kerala/OPIL had submitted the Annual Action Plan (AAP) of OPIL for implementation of Oil Palm Development Programme under ISOPOM for the year 2009-10. The Government of India approved AAP of OPIL for an amount of Rs.85.66 lakh including 65.19 lakh as Central Share for the year 2009-10. An amount of Rs.35.19 lakh has been released for 2009-10.